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From the Evening Post, Dec. 20.

Malta, Oct. 14.

EArly the 2d Inst. 3 great Turkish Sultanas appeared, directing with full Sail for this Island; whereupon the Signal was given, the Chevaliers repaired to the Grand Master's Palace, and the State and War Councils assembled; wherein it was resolv'd to post the Troops and Militia at the most expos'd Places. On the 4th a Chiaux brought ashore a Letter to the Grand Master, the Tenor whereof is thus.

HAJI BASHA, *Captain General and Commander of the Ottoman Naval Forces.*

WE notify to the principal Person of the Island of Malta, the Chiefs of his Council, and to all those of the different Nations *adoring* the MESSIAH, now on your Island; That We are expresly sent hither by the Grand Signor, the Master of the Universe and Refuge of Mankind, in order that you consign and deliver into our Hands all the Mussulman Slaves, as well Turks as others, made captive on board the Ships and Vessels of his said Imperial Ottoman Majesty's Subjects since the 1721, according to your Æra, to the end these Mussulmen may present themselves before his August and Sublime Throne of Tribunal. Such is His Pleasure, having armed Us to that Effect, and ordained Us to signify to you Our Arrival by this Writing: And in case of Failure to surrender to Us the said Captives, or returning a satisfactory Answer, you will see the Consequence, which you will certainly have Occasion to repent. Dated the 12th of the Month Rabia l'akher in the Year of the Hejrah 1142 (not in the 1108 as in the *Utrecht Gazette*, from which this is taken) which answers to Oct. 4. 1729.

The Grand Master having deliberated with his Council on the Purport of this Epistle, did on the 7th return the following Answerr.

The GRAND MASTER of MALTA, and his Venerable Council, to HAJI BASHA, Captain-General and Commander of the Ottoman Forces.

Most Excellent Lord,

THE Letter dated Oct. 4 last, sent hither by your Excellency, has been read before the Council. We therein admir'd the Zeal of his Ottoman Highness, your most potent Sovereign: We commend his Design in sending your Excellency into these Seas, to demand the Restitution of such Turkish Captives as are in this Isle and our Dependencies.

Your Excellency doubtless knows, that the Laws of Our Institution do not engage Us to make People Slaves; but, with Our outmost Might, to defend the Commerce and Navigation of Christians: If it happens, that in our Cruising we meet with your Corsairs, we make them Prisoners, as taken according to the Laws of War. You cannot be ignorant, that the Turkish Pyrates abundantly exceed in Number the Cruising Ships of the Christians; so that it ought not to be wondred at, if we have in Captivity a greater Number of Turks than you have, or can have of Christians, and whom we wish with all our Hearts we could redeem.

We assure you, that the Proposal you make Us, in the Name of the Grand Signor your Master, is to Us extremely agreeable, and that it excites in Us the Desire of coming to the same End and Agreement, with regard to the Christian Captives: But as this great Work of Charity cann't be effected immediately, nor is to be practised otherwise than on the Model in use among the Princes of our Communion, We in like manner propose to you the Ransom or Exchange of the Turks who are in our Power, against the Christians detain'd Captives in Turkey, after the most practis'd and commodious Method.

With Impatience we shall attend the Grand Signor's Reply. With your Excellency We rejoice in the Choice made by his Highness of your Person, for the Execution of a Design so laudable. And We supplicate the Almighty, that the same may be effected in the most convenient Manner. God have you under his Sacred Protection. Given in Our Convent at Malta, the 7th of October 1729.

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This Letter the Grand Signor accompanied with some Refreshments, and an Invitation to the Bashaw to come ashore: But he refused the Invitation, and thanked him for his Presents. On the 8th the 3 Sultanas sailed away for Constantinople.

Petersburg, Decem. 3. Major-General Tessin is set out hence for Moscow, in quality of Envoy of the Duke of Holstein: From whence we are informed, that the Prince of Hesse Homburg is speedily expected to depart thence, in his way to Vienna, Cassel and Homburg; That that Prince is greatly in favour with the Czar, and that his Marriage with the Princess Elisabeth is like to go foreward.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Decem. 23.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.

ALL agree that the Nation will find its Accompt in the Trade of the South Sea Company to the Spanish W. Indies. Mean Time there must be very good Foundation to believe it will be advantageous likewise to the Company, which induced those in the Management to continue that Trade, and to lay out such vast Sums in our Woollen Manufactures; 'tis said they have bought as much Woolen Cloath, particularly in the West of England, as amounts to the Value of L. 200000, for their Annual Ship, which is getting ready with the outmost Expedition in their Dock at Deptford: But after all we cannot yet learn whether their rich Ship Prince Frederick is still at Vera Crux, or sailed thence on her Return home.

The Letters from Cadix by the French Mail yesterday tell us, That on the 4th instant arrived there the Incendio Man of War in 54 Days from the Havana, and brought to the Value of 2 Millions of Pieces of Eight, of which 600000 were for the King, being part of what was left at Carthagena, and the remainder of which will be brought from the Havana, in a Man of War lately arrived there.

The Letters from Seville of the 11th instant, give an Account that an Express was lately dispatched thence to Vienna, but whether the Emperor will be prevailed upon to accede to the Treaty of Peace, as concluded betwixt his Catholick Majesty and the Allies of Hanover, seems at present doubtful; the Levies for the Imperial Troops are, as we are informed, carrying on in Cologne, also Aix la Chapelle, and other Parts of the Empire with outmost Expedition.

Last Sunday Five young dissenting Ministers, among them Mr. Myonet and Mr. Owen, having lately conformed to the Church of England, were ordained by the Bishop of London at St. James's Church.

We hear the Right Reverend Dr. John Hoadly Bishop of Ferns in Ireland, is to be translated to the Arch bishoprick of Dublin, at the joint Recommendation of the Lord Lieutenant, the Lord Primate, and the Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

The Bishop of Ely ordained last Sunday at his Chappel of Ely-House in Holburn, above 20 Priests and Deacons.

It appears by the general Bill of Mortality, that from the 10th of December 1728, to the 9th of December 1729, were buried Males 14898, Females 14824, in all 29722. Increased in the Burials this Year 1912.

By the Holland Mail we are informed from Florence, That on the 6th instant the Grand Duke held a Council, to deliberate on the Articles of the Treaty concluded at Seville, and in the Evening Couriers were dispatched to divers Courts.

From Germany, That 9 Battallions and 12 Squadrons of Horse were already marched from the Hereditary Countries to Italy. From Rome, That his Holiness has resolved to raise a Body of Troops, to garrison the Places of Parma and Placentia, as Fiefs of the Church. And from Hanover, That the Difficulties raised on the Part of the King of Prussia, tend to frustrate all Methods of Accommodation betwixt him and the King of Great Britain.

South Sea Stock was yesterday when the Books shut (which will be opened again the 9th of February) at 104 7 8ths per Cent.

P. S. There is Advice that the Prince Frederick remained on the 30th of September last at la Vera Crux, and 'twas uncertain when she would put to Sea.

From the London Gazette, Decem. 23.

Paris, Dec. 27. His Excellency Mr. Stanhope is expected here to Morrow from Spain. The next Day his Excellency Mr. Walpole, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from his Britannic Majesty, intends to set out hence for Great Britain.

Cadiz, Dec. 6. Captain Mendinuetta, who commanded a small Squadron of Spanish Men of War in

in the W. Indies, arrived here the 4th inſtant from the Havana, with one of them called the Incendio of 50 Guns, having on Board the Remainder of the Treaſure belonging to the Galleons, which conſiſts of one Million and a half of Pieces of Eight, whereof 600,000 are for the King of Spain, and the other Nine hundred thouſand are for the Account of the private Merchants.

From the London Evening Poſt, Dec. 23.

Vienna, Decem. 10. According to Orders that have been given for the Diſtribution of the Emperor's Troops, it appears that his Imperial Majeſty will have next Year in Flanders 16 Regiments of Horſe and 20 of Foot, beſides the 18000 Men that the Elector Palatine is to ſend thither, in Purſuance of the Engagements of his Act of Acceſſion to the Treaty of Vienna. The Army of the Upper Rhine will be compoſed of the Troops of Cologn, Mentz and and Munſter, to the Number of 24000 Men. Thoſe of Italy will conſiſt of 60,000 Men, including the 10,000 Men which the Elector of Bavaria is to furniſh. Thirty Thouſand Men of the Pruſſian Troops are to go into Hungary, to replace the Imperial Regiments that have been drawn from thence. Laſt Week two Councils of War were held at Prince Eugene's, at which all the Miniſters and Generals here aſſiſted; and three Days afterwards Orders were ſent to all the Commanders in Chief of the Regiments in Gariſon in the Hereditary Countries, to hold themſelves ready to march. Notwithſtanding the Aſſurances which the Grand Signor has given of his Intention to live in Friendſhip with the Empire, we are nevertheleſs credibly informed that his Highneſs is meditating new Deſigns upon Hungary.

Warſaw, Decem. 12. The Troops of this Kingdom and of the Great Dutchy of Lithuania, are all ready for a March, being to go and form 3 Camps, 2 of which are to be in Courland. 'Tis reported, that Orders have been given to the Generals of the Crown Army to turn off all the Officers and Soldiers who are Proteſtants, and who ſhall refuſe to embrace the Roman Catholick Religion. Levies are making to [illegible] he new Body of Janiſaries which the [illegible] ely formed.

Hague, Dece[illegible] written from Vienna, that the Emper[illegible] had not yet come to any Reſolution, touching the Invitation that had been made him by the Allies of Hanover to accede to the Treaty of Seville.

Our Advices from Italy ſay, that the King of Spain has promiſed the Pope, That in caſe he will not oppoſe the Infant Don Carlos's going into Italy, he will give up, in favour of the Holy See, his Pretenſions to the Dutchy of Caſtro and County of Roncigliono.

From the Evening Poſt, Decem. 23.

Moſcow, Novem. 30. The Court has ſent Orders to the Governor of Siberia, not to let the Caravan proceed towards the Dominions of the Great Mogul, who is reſolved to attend the Sultan Eſref, and even the Ottoman Porte, with an Army of 500,000 Men. The ſame Advices add, That that Prince had cauſed to be ſeized at Neudin, with all their Effects, ſome Engliſh Merchants ſettled in Ruſſia.

London, Decem. 23. Stephen Pointz, Eſq; his Majeſty's 3d Ambaſſador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Congreſs of Soiſſons, is to take care of the Affairs of G. Britain at the Court of France, in Abſence of his Excellency Horace Walpole Eſq; who is expected in Town this Week, with the Rt. Hon. the Lord Harrington.

Early Saturday Morning ſeveral Perſons coming to Market, were robbed on the Stratford Road. Some of them had only Copper, yet the Rogues would not ſpare them.

Tomorrow Night the Corpſe of Anthony Collings, Eſq; is to be interr'd near Grosvenor Square, it being his particular Deſire not to be buried in any Church.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Dec. 23.

Lucern, Decem. 18. The Conſort of the Pretender has, as 'tis ſaid, taken a new Diſtaſte, on account of her being excluded from the Management of her two Sons, which two Engliſh Governors are entruſted with.

London, Decem. 23. We hear that the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Stairs will be appointed Lord Admiral of Scotland, in room of the Duke of Queenſberry and Dover, who reſigned.

The Ruſſia Company having received from their Conſul at Elſineur, a particular Account of ſeveral Innovations by the Danes in collecting the Duty of the Sound, whereby the Charge of clearing Ships at that Place is greatly increaſed, they have laid the ſame before the Lord Viſcount Townſhend in order for Redreſs.

The *Katharine*, Capt. Cook, with Oats from [illegible] re[illegible]

terdam for London, foundered at Sea the 16th ult. but her Crew were taken up by a Ship which happened to be in Sight, and which carried her *in to Dunkirk*.

Edinburgh, Dec. 29. Last Week died at his Seat in the Shire of Angus, Fotheringame of Powrie, a Gentleman of great Probity and Honour, much lamented by all who had the Happiness of his Acquaintance.

What was insert in our last, touching *opprobrious and abusive Language* being given by the late Lieutenant Swift, to Master Alexander Elphingstou, was without Foundation, and pick'd up from common Hearsay. We are sorry it has given Offence to the Honourable Officers of the Army; and that the Right Honourable my Lord Balmerino is likewise offended at the Expressions.

This Day (being the 21st of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 6 o'Clock, 18 Min. Tomorrow, at 7, 6 Min. On Wednesday, at 7, 54 Min

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶¶¶ That the LODGING lately belonging to the deceast Baillie DAVID DENOON of the Canongate, now possess'd by Hector Monro Saddler in Canongate, lying on the North-side of the Canongate-head; having two Entries thereto, the one from Leith-wynd, and the other from the High Street, being but one Pair of Stairs up from the Street, and having [illegible] Rooms including the Kitchen, and whic[illegible] of a Garret: Is to be exposed to Sale b[illegible] in the said House, upon the 15th of Janu[illegible] Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon. The [illegible]rl. of Rent, and will be entred at 10 Ye[illegible] Progress of the Rights of the said Lodging, an[illegible] Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of WILL[illegible]r in Edinburgh, at his House at the E[illegible] with JOHN MURRAY, Merchant-[illegible]ce-head.

†¶† That Mr. ADAIR's Coal[illegible] derland-Point in England to Old A[illegible] Firths of Forth and Tay, &c. (with [illegible] Scotland by King *JAMES* V.) Are to THOMAS HERIOT's Shop in the Parliamen[illegible] those of the other Booksellers in Town; at Twelve [illegible] Sterling, with the *Descriptions*, and at Six Shillings separately.

¶†¶ The Creditors of GEORGE HOME of WHITFIELD, are hereby advertised to meet at the Laigh Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Tuesday the sixth of January next at Three of the Clock after Noon. Such as cannot attend in Person are intreated to send their Doers fully instructed to agree to such Measures as shall be proposed for the due Management of the Estate.

¶†¶ These are to advertise, That the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Edinburgh FRIENDLY INSURANCE against Losses by Fire, is to be held on Monday the 12th of January next, in Mary's Chappel in Niddry's Wynd, Edinburgh, at three a Clock Afternoon.

¶ That on the Second of February next, there is to be exposed by voluntary Roup, in the House of *Alexander Primrose* in *Elphinstone*-Pans in Stirlingshire, a considerable Quantity of GROWING FIR-TREES of all Sizes, fit for any kind of Building, either in Wholesale or Parcels. Any Person may there buy, or give Proposals thereanent to the said Alexander Primrose, (who will shew the said Trees any Time before the Sale) or to Mr. *James Macewen* Bookseller in Edinburgh, at his Shop there, in order to be by Mr. Macewen transmitted to the Proprietor The Fir-Trees grow within a Quarter a Mile of the Water of Forth, where Vessels of any Burden can be commodiously loaded at all Seasons.

¶¶¶ To be Sold, to the highest Bidder, at *Thornhill* in the Shire of Dumfries, on the 15th Day of January 1730, a large Wood of fine OLD OAK, growing on the Grounds of the Barony of Keir, about seven Miles distant from the Town of Dumfries. The Conditions of Sale to be seen in the Hands of JOHN DALRYMPLE of Waterside, at his House near Thornhill; JOHN NEILSON of Chapel, at his House in Dumfries; and THOMAS GOLDIE Writer to the Signet, at his Writing-chamber in Brounhill's Square, Laun-market, Edinburgh.

†¶† That the TENEMENTS of LAND after mentioned, (lying within the City of Edinburgh) which belonged to the deceast *ROBERT STARK* Writer in Edinburgh, *viz.* A Tenement of Land in the Close called *The Back of Best Wynd*, consisting of four Storeys, with Closets, Cellars and Garrets, being of yearly Rent about *L.* 24 06 08 sterl. and that other Tenement of Land in *Preston's Close*, commonly called *Stewart's Close*, on the North Side of the Street, near the Cross, consisting of five Storeys, and a Top or Garret-storey, with Closets and Cellars belonging thereto, paying *L.* 34 15 sh. sterl. of yearly Rent: ARE to be exposed to voluntary Roup and Sale, by the Relict of the said deceast Robert Stark, as having Right thereto from her Husband; each of the said Tenements by themselves intire, or in different Storeys, as Purchasers shall desire upon the Eighth Day of January next, at Three of the Clock after Noon, within the House of Mris. *Nicholson* Vintner in [illegible] particular Rental, Progress and Rights may be seen in the Hands of *ADAM* [illegible] Merchant in Edinburgh, at his House in the Head of Liberton.

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